

Windham Economic Development Committee
Infrastructure Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Approved

PRESENT: Mike Oldenburg, Lisa Walker, Bob Higgins and Ralph Valentine,
And Mark Kovacs and Neelima Gogumalla of the Local Energy Committee.

Call to order at the Windham Comm. Dev. Dept. at 7:35 AM.

The agenda for this comprised entirely of a presentation by Liberty Utilities. Liberty was represented by Mike Licata, Jill Fitzpatrick, Joel Rivera, Robert Blank and Rob McLean

The presentation covered the franchise area, sub-station locations, recent capital investments, power quality and reliability, future growth and energy efficiency programs.

The sub-committee probed at the availability and reliability of power which will be needed for future development in the exit 3 area. Liberty believes there is sufficient capacity for instance to support a 300,000 +/- concept development proposed for the former driving range. New demand would be met by the installation of additional transformers. Liberty works directly with developers, engineers and architects on project planning.

There was a discussion of voltage fluctuations and dimming lights. Liberty noted that system improvements have been made to address these issues on the mainline and will be working at a neighborhood level this summer. Regarding outages, 2/3 of the causes are tree related. Liberty has a vegetative management program in place, but as with all utilities operating in NH, trimming is hampered by a rule or RSA which requires the utility to obtain permission from the tree owner to perform trimming or removal. Even if the tree is clearly encroaching on electric lines, permission is needed.

Information was provided on both commercial and residential incentives.

Both Neelima and Lisa excused themselves from the meeting at about 9:00.

Next Meeting: TBD

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 AM by Bob, second by Mike, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ralph Valentine